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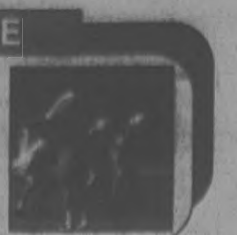
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Elba firemen fill the boot for MDA



The Elba Fire Department participated in the Fill the Boot campaign on Saturday, Aug. 3, in an effort to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) or Jerry's Kids. This was the second year the department participated in the campaign, and the firemen were able to exceed last year's donations. Elba fireman Randy Hawthorne is captured above holding his boot during the recent campaign. Hawthorne was only one of the many Elba firemen that battled the summertime heat to help with this nationally recognized campaign. Representatives from the fire department will present the money the firemen raised during the annual MDA and Jerry's Kids telethon which will be held Labor Day weekend. The presentation will be made in Montgomery.

Officials continue to urge citizens to avoid mosquitoes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

There have been three cases of West Nile virus in South Alabama in the last few weeks. Neither of the cases resulted in a death, but did require some hospital time.

Health officials are urging citizens to take precautions when outside. First they urge to avoid being outside during early morning and late afternoon if possible. This is the time when mosquitoes are most active.

Citizens, especially those with low immune systems, are encouraged to dress in long pants and long sleeve shirts if they are going into areas with a lot of mosquitoes. They are also urged to cover exposed skin with a coating of mosquito repellent, one that contains DEET. A 10% is recommended for children (none for infants) and a 30% spray is recommended for adults. After leaving the mosquito infested areas, people are urged to wash with soap and water, the areas coated with the repellent. Business, owners and homeowners are encouraged to empty standing stagnant water in boats, old tires, buckets, flower pots, jars, cans, clogged rain gutters, etc. to eliminate breeding places for the mosquitoes. Bird baths and lily ponds should get fresh water every three days, and at least once a week. Swimming pools which are not kept active should be drained immediately and then securely covered to prevent accumulation of rainwater.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Presentation made to Billy Joe Richburg family

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its regular bimonthly meeting at a special time Monday evening, Aug. 12, to allow for a touching ceremonial presentation to the family of the late Col. Ret. Billy Joe Richburg.

Richburg, a native of Coffee County, passed away earlier this year, and the Coffee County Commission insisted Monday evening that he will always be remembered for his tireless efforts in assisting Coffee County through its emergency management needs.

Richburg worked with the state emergency management

agency and through the years assisted Coffee County with many of its needs following natural disasters.

As he presented Richburg's family with a plaque of appreciation and read a proclamation honoring Richburg, Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley expressed a deep gratitude to Richburg and commended his family for sharing him with the county.

Following the presentation, commissioners jumped immediately to the agenda items and were addressed by Ron Merritt, a representative of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

Merritt began by giving com-

missioners a brief synopsis of the society. He said it operates four facilities within the county and has about 350 members. He added that only about 40 or 50 of the members are actually from Coffee County.

"Today's happenings are tomorrow's history," Merritt said. "Unfortunately, we don't worry about history until tomorrow."

These statements led him to his purpose for attending Monday's meeting as he explained to commissioners that the society is in need of additional funds.

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In regards to Coffee County Commission Chairmanship

One commissioner takes offense to another's letter

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The issue of the commission chairmanship continued to be a hot topic for the Coffee County Commission Monday evening, Aug. 12, as the matter reached a new level of intensity.

Commissioner Jim Thompson opened the issue for discussion with his response to a copy of a letter each commissioner received from commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Thompson quickly made clear his disapproval of the letter saying he felt it indicated that Brooks was referring to the other commissioners as racists. "I am offended by the letter you put in my box," he said with his remarks directed towards Brooks.

The letter Thompson referred to was a letter written by Brooks to Attorney James U. Blacksher of Birmingham.

In the letter, Brooks indicated he feels as though "the Coffee County Commission is allegedly trying to carry out some of the

old policies—Racism." He said his basis was the consent decree concerning the case John Dillard vs. Crenshaw.

However, Brooks' questions do not include all parts of the consent decree. He said his concern is with the election of the commission chairman.

"We have elected a chairman as directed by the Judge, but after serving on the Coffee County Commission for nine years I have been unable to be elected chairman," Brooks stated in his letter.

He continued by saying he feels some things should be reconsidered in the matter.

Brooks said Blacksher was one of the lead attorneys in the Coffee County Case (class action law suit John Dillard vs. Crenshaw). He asked Blacksher to look into the matter and get whatever information necessary to the Judge.

"It is evident that a minority commissioner in Coffee County with the past and the present commission will not be elected chairman unless the court order

is amended," Brooks wrote. During Monday evening's commission meeting, Brooks defended his letter saying he does not feel the current election process for chairman has been fair.

"I feel it is still my responsibility to represent my district," he said. "I feel I should have all rights and privileges as the other commissioners."

During a previous meeting of the commission, Brooks offered a motion that the commission chairmanship be rotated instead of elected; however, his motion failed.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple had questioned the rotation process indicating he did not see how a rotation process could serve as the resolution since there are seven districts in Coffee County and only four years to a commission term.

Monday evening, Brooks responded to this question with

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C.C. Schools experience enrollment increase

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education wasted no time in filling a vacant board member's seat as a swearing-in ceremony headlined the Thursday, Aug. 8, meeting of the board.

During the previous meeting of the board, District Six board member Gene Barksdale tendered his resignation which became effective Thursday, Aug. 1. Barksdale's letter informed board members that he was planning to move out of the area and would no longer be able to serve on the board.

With that, board chairman Charles Walker proposed the board contact Larry Eddins of Enterprise and ask him to consider filling the District Six board seat for the duration of his term. Walker said Barksdale had recommended Eddins for the position.

All members concurred with Walker's proposal, and Thursday evening, Aug. 8, Eddins officially became a member of the Coffee County Board of Education after being sworn-in to office as the District Six representative.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram told board members that the first week of school was a good one, and she seemed encouraged with the school system's enrollment numbers for the first week.

Ingram said systemwide enrollment was up 28.99 students from the previous year with the biggest increase being at the Zion Chapel Schools where enrollment was up 32.5 students.

Jim Driscoll was reappointed



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (left) conducts the swearing-in ceremony Thursday evening, Aug. 8, for newly appointed board member Larry Eddins (right). Eddins fills the District Six seat of the Coffee County Board of Education which was vacated by Gene Barksdale on Thursday, Aug. 1.

As for the other schools, Ingram said New Brocton, Elementary School was down by four students, New Brocton High School was up by five and Kinston Schools was down by 4.5.

Ingram also mentioned the school system's jumpstart program which was held for all kindergarten students.

"I'm tickled by the attendance

we had at jumpstart," she said. "I think it made things go more smoothly on the first day of school."

Ingram said over 100 students participated system wide in the program with 31 attending at Kinston, 33 attending at New Brocton and 45 attending at

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Elba addresses mosquito problem

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It didn't take the Elba City Council but just a few minutes to move through the prepared agenda Monday evening. They paid the monthly bills, made three board appointments, heard the city clerk report on a scheduled electrical outage, upcoming paving project and the mosquito problem.

Jim Driscoll was reappointed

to the airport authority for another six year term. Scott Kelley and Nancy Brunson were each reappointed to three year terms on the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Monthly bills totaling \$17,675.93 were approved for payment. These included \$5,145.76 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$1,670.39 for asphalt and rock; \$784.85 for sewer supplies; \$775.50 for Pee Wee football equipment; and \$1,029 for a security camera system in the police department. This camera system is being donated by two unnamed local businesses.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported to the council that there would be an official electrical power outage over a large part of the city on Wednesday night from midnight until about 4 a.m. Thursday. Workers will be installing some new replacement switches at one of the electrical substations.

The clerk also noted that work was scheduled to begin this week on street resurfacing of several downtown streets including Court, Factory, Simmons and Collier Streets.

The threat of West Nile virus from infected mosquitoes was

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Area Happenings

ELECTRIC OUTAGE The Elba Electric Department will have a scheduled interruption of electrical services beginning Wednesday night, Aug. 14, at midnight and continuing until 4 a.m. If Thursday morning, Aug. 15, Elba area affected will be the entire downtown area, Mulberry Heights, Newtown, Clanton, Avenue to the Old Reserve Center, and the Troy Hwy to Bypass 203. The outage is necessary to make repairs to the substation and will be held weather permitting.

HEROES FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS fundraising campaign for the Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is in its final week. Contact Herby McCall at City Hall 897-2261, Brian McLeod at National Security 899-2273 Ext. 241, or Scott Kelley at Kelly Foods 897-5242 Ext. 102 to make a personal donation. Or, drop contributions into the containers with the Red Cross logo at participating local merchants.

OPEN HOUSE Five Star Fire Department will have an Open House to unveil its newly renovated fire station Sunday, Aug. 18, from 2-4 p.m.



The family of the late Billy Joe Richburg listen as Coffee County Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley reads a proclamation Monday evening, Aug. 12, honoring Mr. Richburg. The proclamation, which was signed by all commissioners, expresses the county's gratitude towards Richburg and the work he did for Coffee County throughout the years and end before his death earlier this year.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

As this is being written, professional baseball players have just taken a strike vote. They wisely chose not to set a strike date yet. This doesn't mean they will accept whatever the owners decide. Right now they are demanding some verbal concessions from the owners, if they are to complete the ongoing season. It may be "deja vu" for baseball fans as these millionaires battle those other millionaires over which one gets the most of the riches being raked in from loyal fans and TV broadcast rights. It is amazing that either side would let the issue get to a strike vote, judging by the results of the disastrous strike time years ago, which left America without a World Series that year and fans ignoring the game in droves in the following years. Our opinion on the whole thing . . . yawn, yawn, yawn.

Our news article last week about the West Nile virus was definitely not out of sync. As the papers were going out, news came about a second identified South Alabama case, this one a man in Dothan. While Elba city officials continue their mosquito spraying efforts, experts report that the best preventive efforts are individuals eliminating breeding sites . . . standing water in ditches, pot holes, old tires, buckets, etc. . . and wearing plenty of repellent on exposed skin when outside, especially in late evening when the "sneakers" are most active.

It is hard to believe in this heat of August that high school and college football seasons are just around the corner. This is the time of year when everyone is looking forward to a winning season . . . If there are no unforeseen injuries to key players. Of course we all know that everyone can't have winning seasons . . . the math is just not right for that. Neither are coaches ready to tell their players that "It is how you play the game that counts." Anyway, if you extreme fans will wait just a few more days, you can yell your lungs out in support of the best team around.

The Town of New Brockton continues to wrestle with ways to improve their financial situation. And governments must improve their finances in one of two ways . . . cut spending or increase income. New Brockton is trying a combination of the two. We hope their success.

Any taxing authority looking for additional revenue can take a lesson from Montgomery on what NOT to do. Montgomery city officials are seriously considering an employment tax to raise their needed funds and that has gotten people hotter than an Arizona wildfire in the middle of the summer. A huge number of people who work in Montgomery but live in one of the other of the surrounding counties don't want to pay a city tax to keep that job. Forget that their commuting morning and evening is causing part of the need for more road paving, police patrols, etc., just remember that these folks are mad, mad, mad. They pay Montgomery sales taxes and accept that, maybe because there are sales taxes wherever they buy, but are even more likely to move state offices out of Montgomery if the new tax becomes a reality. Oh, we share their strong dislike for the employment tax.

We haven't mentioned our granddaughter in this column for several weeks. Don't let that fool you . . . we are even prouder of her now than the last time we volunteered to discuss the merits of grandchildren. Her and her mother spent a couple of nights with us in Elba this past weekend. We were honored with the visit because Chris was at National Guard summer camp. You can tell when granddaughter is here, because you will often see granddaughter Sarah and granddaddy at the Elba Rec Center, as a number of our friends have seen us and can attest, utilizing those nice, swings. They are especially nice for little children, as it is almost impossible for the child to fall out of them. Anyway, aren't grandchildren grand?

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 5, 2002, through August 11, 2002. They were: Gwen Watson, Mildred Armstrong, Terry Griggs and Betty Driggers.

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Paper delivery must go on despite tire trouble

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Last week was anything but a normal week for me at work. In an attempt to try and get a few days off work, I embarked on a rather strange schedule. The goal was to spend more time out of the office than in it. Knowing the importance of getting the paper out, I planned to work all day Tuesday and long enough Wednesday to make my paper deliveries to the stores in Elba and around the county. The rest of the week, the plan was to attend only a couple of evening meetings.

I seemed to have a pretty good plan, and everything was going well until I hit a little bump in the road on Wednesday. Actually, I guess you could say that a sharp edge in the road. I was making my paper deliveries Wednesday morning and was making pretty good time when things got a bit interesting. Around 11 a.m., I was headed up to Zion Chapel to deliver papers to ZC Express. Traveling down the roadway, I heard an unusual noise. I looked around to see if I could recognize what might have caused the sound but saw nothing; however, as I exited my vehicle at the store, I heard a noise which sounded like pressure being released somewhere on the vehicle. My first thought was that a hose was leaking something.

Regardless, I went on into the store and made my delivery. Upon returning to the car, I didn't hear the noise anymore, and

I actually had let the problem escape my mind. That was until I started to move the vehicle. Immediately, I realized that I had a tire problem.

As I got out of the car and walked around to the passenger side, I was hoping to be wrong. Instead, I found the right front tire to be as flat as one can be.

Being parked in front of the store, I didn't want to be in the way while trying to figure out how to handle the situation, so I backed the car around to the side of the store.

Of course, my first reaction was to call Daddy. He never

taking vacation last week had taken Mother to a doctor's appointment Wednesday morning. I called home hoping to find him there. When Mom answered the telephone, I thought I was home free, but she informed me that he was on his way to work for a little while to take care of a piece of equipment that had broken down.

So, I called the shop. Again, my luck failed me as the guys at the shop informed me that he had not arrived yet.

With that, I decided to take action. I left a message for Dad to call my car phone when he arrived at the shop, and I began preparing to change the tire myself. I had changed a tire by myself before, so I felt as though I could handle it. Although, I would have felt better knowing that Daddy was on his way to take care of the situation. After all, isn't that how most girls feel about their

daddy?

I got the jack out of the back of the car and proceeded to prepare it to lift the vehicle. I had been working probably two or three minutes when I heard a tractor pulling into the parking lot.

Finally, luck was on my side. I looked up and found a familiar face walking my way. Luckily for me, Timmy Hodge had decided to eat lunch at ZC Express that particular day. When he got there, instead of asking if he could help, he immediately came over and took care of the tire problem.

Had I been forced to change the tire myself, I probably would have been able to do it, but there is no telling how long it would have taken. With Timmy's help, however, I was able to get back to town in time

to get the tire repaired before the tire store closed at Noon. Plus, he saved me from getting overwhelmed mad at that jack since it and I were not getting along very well.

Timmy wouldn't accept anything but my thanks that day. And, even though I know that good guy, I would still like to thank Timmy's help also kept me on track with my vacation plan as I managed to work just under 20 hours last week.

And, more importantly, no store was late in receiving my copies of The Elba Clipper to send to our loyal readers.

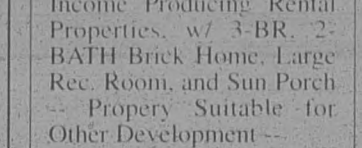
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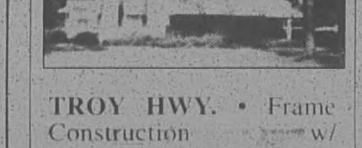
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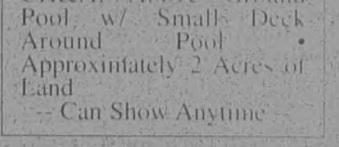
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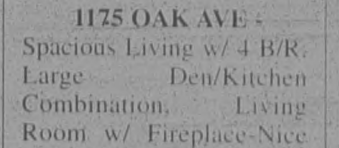
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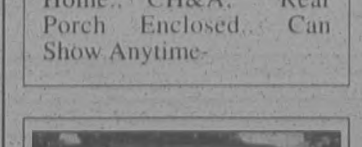
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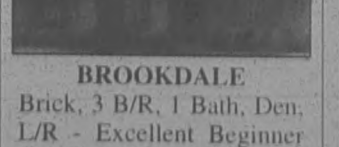
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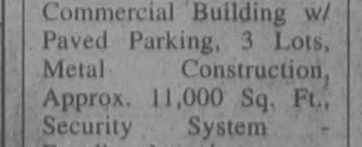
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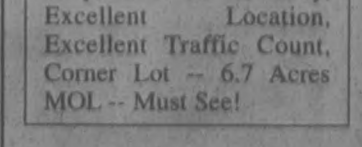
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C.C. Republican Headquarters grand opening set for Sept. 7

Coffee County Republican Committee will hold Grand Opening of Republican Headquarters Saturday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at 101 N. Main Street, Enterprise.

Those candidates to be present include Congressman Terry Everett, Judge Pam Baschab (Court of Criminal Appeals), chairman for State Auditor Beth Chapman, candidate for State Board of Education, Betty Peters, as well as local candidates.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. For more information call Joann Ayer at 347-1856.

College students should make wise food choices

by Christina Kirkland
Extension Agent/NEP

As we start unpacking our fall fashions, it's time for college students to start packing—the fridge. Fall semester begins soon for many college freshmen that are probably worried about the dreaded "freshman fifteen." The weight gain that many college students experience is often a result of stress, new food choices that often include high calorie fast foods, lifestyle changes, and a decrease in physical activity.

Next to books, food is an important consideration when it comes to studying. So, to keep your brain fueled and your stomach satisfied during those study sessions while holding off the weight gain, the American Dietetic Association recommends the following suggestions:

• Don't study and eat. Set aside a time place to eat, so that you can focus on and enjoy what you are eating.

• Keep portions small when you feel the need to try all the new foods in that cafeteria line.

• Choose small crunchy foods for snacks like carrots, peppers, apples, popcorn or rice cakes, oyster crackers or mini pretzels. They all allow quantity without lots of calories.

• Stop eating at least 2 hours before you go to bed.

• Put food like chips or cookies into a bowl or onto a small plate. By seeing the amount of food you are consuming, you will more than likely avoid overdoing it. Try to keep your hands out of the bag, or the "bottomless pit" of high fat snacks by watching portion sizes.

• Remember the importance of exercise and make time for it. Take the stairs, bring your bike, and go to the campus gym to meet people or simply walk around campus.

A new taste of freedom and a new environment can make it easy to overeat. Try to focus your energies on studies and new friends and not mindless munching to be "freshman fit" and not put on the "freshman fifteen."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has prayed for our daughter and sister, Nicki . . . Pilcher Youngstrom.

As most of you know, on June 22, 2002, Nicki was told her baby, whom she was carrying, would not live. Although many of the other doctors in Birmingham agreed with Nicki's doctor after looking the situation over, Nicki and her husband, David, decided to pray for a miracle, and that's what they did along with many of us as family also.

On August 1, 2002, at 7:45 p.m., Nicki gave birth to their beautiful baby girl "Hope Youngstrom." Hope lived only a matter of minutes before she went to live with the Lord. Although this is one of the hardest things we as her family have been through, we know we cannot question God.

To everyone that knew this situation and to those of you that did not, we ask you now if you are a parent to please take this time to realize how lucky you are to be given a chance to be a parent.

To the ones who did know the situation and the ones who know Nicki, she and her husband, David, are doing as well as they can. They would like to say thank you for saying a little prayer up above for them and Hope. Although this is tragic, we feel as her family, "We no longer have to dream of an angel, we've held one."

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South, Donations will be appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS

JONES FAMILY
We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends, and neighbors for the food, cards, calls, prayers and words of sympathy expressed to us following the death of our loved one, Melinda Jones.

A special thanks to Dr. Lance K. Dyess and the Elba General Hospital.

Family of Melinda Jones
Seacat Family
Whittington Family

8-15-16

Their memory, like our determination, will not fade.

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Obituaries

MELINDA SUE JONES

Mrs. Melinda Sue Jones, age 38, of Jack, Ala., the daughter of the former Rev. Wayne Whittington, passed away Aug. 6, 2002 at Baptist South Medical Center in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 9, 2002 at Jack Assembly of God Church with Rev. Jimmy Eddins, Rev. Walter Faulk and Rev. Ashley Faulk officiating. Burial followed in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Wayne Whittington and Inice

Whittington, and a brother

Elvin Rudcan Whittington. Survivors include her husband, Jack Jones, Jack, Ala.; two daughters, Angela Dean Campbell, Brantley, Trista Lashae Seacat, Elba; four sisters, Brenda Sanders and Wana Carswell, Jack; Dorothy Arrington, Banks; and Patricia Price, Elba; one brother, Larry Wayne Whittington, Jack; and three grandchildren.

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford to begin classes on August 26 at the Coffee County Baptist Center.

The Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford University will begin classes on Monday, August 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee Baptist Center at 603 E. McKimmon in New Brockton. The Ten Commandments will be taught by Rev. Henry Johnson and 1 Corinthians will be taught by Dr. G. Lance Hogan.

Community Business Opportunity meeting to be held in Opp

There will be a Community Business Opportunity meeting on August 17, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Opp Headstart Center (504 Harden St. in Opp).

Tole painting being offered at ESJC for fall semester

Tole and Decorative Painting is such a popular special interest course, Enterprise State Junior College offers it each semester. This course is scheduled for fall semester for Thursdays, September 5-October 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The registration deadline is August 29. As always this course provides instruction for beginners and advanced painters. Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal. Students will learn how to prepare a project to be painted, how to select proper tools and materials, and how to use appropriate brush strokes. There is a \$35.00 fee for this course. Students may bring their own supplies with them, or they may purchase supplies at the first class meeting. There could be a broad range in the cost of supplies. If students have some supplies, the cost could be as low as \$30.00. If the student owns no supplies and needs to purchase everything, the cost could be as much as \$60.00. Students must be at least twelve years old. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

KEEP ELBA DRY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002
5:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Sanctuary**

We will be planning our campaign against the Wet/Dry referendum which will appear on the Nov. 5th ballot. All citizens interested in keeping alcohol sales out of Elba are urged to attend. For more information, call Jack E. Brunson at 897-2273 x212, or 897-6056.

Pol. Adv. by Keep Elba Dry Committee, P.O. Box 507, Elba, AL 36323

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Scripture: Proverbs 6:1-29

Those attending Homecoming Services at Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba, Ala. on August 11, 2002 were: Mary Jones Reynolds, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rebecca Ann Jones, Leesville, La.; Lucile Jones, Mattie R. Henderson, Rev. Jeff Hillsman, John E. Folmar, Mary Sue Associates at 222-6063; 196-3165, 308-3007, or 527-8970.

Ushers: Anniversary at Shady Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elba, Ala. on Sunday, August 18, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. All churches are invited to attend.

A 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. honoring Rev. Elbert and Mrs. Alice Freeman at Mt. Chapel M.B. Church in Rose Hill, Ala.

Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp, Ala. will hold a Choir Anniversary on August 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. All groups, choirs, duets and soloists are invited to attend.

Benefit Barbecue planned at Tarentum Community Center August 17

A benefit barbecue will take place at Tarentum Community Center on August 17, 2002. Pick-up begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be gospel singing, cake sale and auction will be held at Tarentum Community Center. Singing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Featured groups are, Homebound Band.

Homecoming Celebration at Jack Assembly of God this coming Sunday, August 18.

Jack Assembly of God Church will be celebrating Homecoming—on—Sunday, August 18. Former pastor, Bro. Jimmy Eddins, will be preaching during the morning worship service which begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall following the morning service with singing in the afternoon by the Corey Family from McConney, Elba. Jack Assembly of God is located on County Road 208 in the Jack Community. Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit Bar B Q to be held for John Boutwell at Mt. Pleasant Church

A Benefit Bar B Q will be held for John Boutwell on August 17, 2002 from 10:30 a.m. - until at Mount Pleasant Church. Plates will include Bar B Q, rice, coleslaw, Brunswick stew and dessert. For more information call Old Country Store at 393-5721 or Barbara Medley at 393-1602.

New Haven Baptist Church to have gospel singing

New Haven Baptist Church (County Road 410, 5 miles South of Elba) will hold a gospel singing on August 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The featured groups will be Master's Call and Kathy Harrell. Everyone is invited to attend.

First Annual Women's Conference to be hosted by The Women's Ministry at Wooten Assembly

The Women's Ministry of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God in New Brockton, Alabama will be hosting its first annual Women's Conference. The conference will be held at the church on Thursday, August 22, Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24, 2002. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sherry Johnson speaking. For more information call 894-2133, 894-6532 or 894-8034.

Shiloh Baptist Church to hold Benefit Singing for Randy Wilkerson Family, Saturday, August 17

Shiloh Baptist Church will hold a benefit singing on Saturday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. for the Randy Wilkerson family. The featured singers will be the

Fairview Baptist Church to begin summer Revival Services on Sunday, August 18

Fairview Baptist Church will have revival beginning Sunday, Aug. 18 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Sunday evening service will be 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Aug. 19-21 services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Alabama Highway Department informs public of construction being done on U.S. 84

The Alabama Department of Transportation is informing motorists that S.A. Graham Construction Co., Inc. will begin work on August 12, 2002, on construction of additional lanes of U.S. 84 from Covington County Road 30 to Alabama

141. All Traffic Control Devices will be utilized to safely guide motorists through the construction zone. All motorists are urged to use caution and reduce speed when traveling through the construction zone.

Any public inquiry concerning the work should be directed to Mr. Jerry Benton, Project Superintendent, (334)735-2579; Kenneth Carter, Project Engineer, (334)493-0950 or Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, (334)347-8166.

New books available at the Elba Public Library

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New Brockton First Baptist Church will celebrate their 100th anniversary on Sunday, August 25.

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GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO



We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day five years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

In Tribute....Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The bishop," Others relate to you as "The Prophet," And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher," But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house; the one the God has divinely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of *A New Breed*. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, Rescued the perishing, Provided an oasis for those in desert place, And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually reverberate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel, To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...Dream the impossible...To redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost, And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family - *We Thank You!* And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, The commander in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From,
The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

Elba Wet Dry Committee to meet Thursday, August 15

The Keep Elba Dry Committee will hold a meeting Thursday, Aug. 15 (TODAY), at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Elba. Committee members will be planning their campaign against the Wet/Dry referendum which will appear on the Nov. 5 election ballot.

All citizens interested in this campaign are urged to attend. For more information, call Jack E. Brunson at 897-2273 x212 or 897-6056.

Small business counseling session planned at Ft. Rucker

A representative from the Small Business Development Center at Troy State University will visit the Fort Rucker ACS Family Member Employment Assistance Program Center Thursday, Aug. 1 to provide free counseling.

The counseling is available from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Call 774-9321 to set up an appointment.

Troy State University's SBDC provides the counseling services monthly at the center, which is maintained by the Small Business Administration. In addition, a small library of various government publications is maintained at the center. Publications will not be available for distribution, however, forms for ordering the publications will be provided.

STEPHEN BRYANT, age 11, killed this rattlesnake last Thursday afternoon while visiting with his grandparents in the Goodman community. Stephen is the son of Tina Magwood.

DHR: SEWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS

By Bill Fuller, Commissioner Alabama Department of Human Resources

The man of the house

Our lives seldom go according to plan. Those of us who seek structure and direction tend to plot a course toward specific goals. But things tend to happen along the way that can change our direction. These course changes can sometimes turn out to be a good thing. Some Department of Human Resources cases don't go according to plan either. And sometimes the results are wonderful.

Joshua entered DHR's foster care system for the first time in the early 1970's, when he was six years old. He never knew his father, and his mother had a history of mental health problems. She was in and out of treatment facilities. For eight years, Joshua's life resembled a game of musical chairs. He would be placed with a foster family. When his mother got better, he would go home to her. Then his mother would have a relapse, and the boy would enter another foster home. Then back to his mother, and so on. And then, his mother died.

At about this time, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis lost their son in an auto accident. Because they were good people, and because they needed to fill a void in their lives, they became foster parents. They opened their home to Joshua, who was by then nearly the same age as their lost son. It was a match made in heaven. Joshua flourished in the Lewis home. He became an honor student and excelled in athletics. During the summers and after school, he pitched in to help Mr. Lewis, who was a carpenter. There was mutual love between

Joshua and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. A strong and permanent bond was created equal to the bond between children and their natural parents. Then, after three years, Mr. Lewis died suddenly of a heart attack. Both Joshua and Mrs. Lewis were devastated, but they had each other to lean on. They were a family. Joshua, who was preparing to graduate from high school, became the man of the house and looked after Mrs. Lewis. And Mrs. Lewis looked after him.

Using the work ethic and self-reliance his foster father helped instill in him, Joshua was able to save up some money and work his way through Auburn. He became a civil engineer, got a good job, got married, and had children. Today, he and his family are living in a small town in Alabama city. Mrs. Lewis, now an elderly woman, is still a mother to Joshua. He visits her frequently and looks after her.

Foster care is intended to be a temporary situation that lasts only until a permanent home can be arranged. Today, DHR has many more resources at its disposal than it had 20 years ago. We can do a much better job of helping families in crisis and finding permanent homes promptly for children who come into our system. However, no new and improved system could improve on the results achieved by loving foster parents like Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and big-hearted foster children like Joshua.

(This is a true story. Names and some details have been changed to protect client privacy. To learn more about DHR, go to www.dhr.state.al.us or call 334-242-1850.)

Variety of Options offered to students attending Enterprise Junior College

A variety of options are offered to students attending Enterprise State Junior College this Fall Semester. In addition to regular day and evening classes offered at the main and Ft. Rucker campus, students may choose to take classes in a condensed form during mini-sessions. The first mini-session will run August 21-October 11. The second mini-session will run October 14-December 11. Students interested in attending the second mini-session MUST register during regular registration prior to classes beginning.

Another option available includes 18 courses offered over the internet. Class schedules are available at area businesses, city government offices, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, ESJC main campus and Ft. Rucker campus. The schedule is also available at the ESJC website, www.esjc.cc.al.us. For more information about admission to the College or how to register for classes, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus, 334-59-3438 at the Ft. Rucker or visit the website!

COMMUNITY NEWS

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a resolution of his own.

The resolution presented by Brooks asked for the Coffee County Commission to adopt a good sound public policy to elect a chairman and vice chairman for six month periods from Oct. 1 to March 30 and April 1 to Sept. 30 of each fiscal year until each elected county commissioner has had an opportunity to serve as chairman and vice chairman during his/her four year term of elected office.

After reading his proposed resolution, Brooks offered a motion to accept the resolution. "With all due respect to Mr. Brooks, I believe it would be illegal to vote on this," commissioner Robert Stephens said.

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Merritt said the society's only funding comes from membership fees, and it needs additional funds to help renovate its facilities, as well as, be able to record the numerous historical sites within the county that have not already been recorded.

"We know money is tight," Merritt said. "But, we are losing things everyday."

He said the roof needs to be repaired on the society's building in which the library is located. This project is estimated to cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000, but Merritt said it needs to be done to prevent further loss of material in the library due to a leaky roof.

Also, he said the society is currently going after several grants in which it will need to supply matching funds; however, these grants will enable the society to better record the county's historical features.

"We're asking for your assistance," Merritt said. Grimsley assured Merritt that the commission would keep the society in mind as it prepares the FY2003 budget.

"We are presently working on the budget and have a letter of request from your organization," Grimsley said. "Hopefully, there will be funds available to send your way."

Commissioners rejected a request from Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill to allow him to seek bids for two microfilm readers (one for the Elba courthouse and one for the Enterprise courthouse). Gammill's request asked the commission to allow him to receive bids and purchase the readers with funds appropriated in the budget. The funds were appropriated to allow the probate office to microfilm all records not already filmed; however, most of that money has not been used. Therefore, Gammill wanted permission to use some of the money to purchase the microfilm readers.

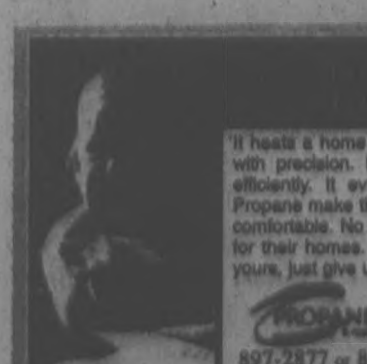
County administrator Wilson Mobley said the estimated cost of the readers would be \$8,000 each.

A motion was made with a second to allow the judge to seek bids.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said the budget was amended last year to allow funds to microfilm the records, and he could not support using those funds for something other than that.

With that, Stephens made a motion to table the issue until the judge could come before the commission and explain his request. However, Stephens did not receive a second to his motion.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple asked if the probate office was planning on spending the \$24,000 already allocated in the FY2002 budget to help purchase microfilm readers and then ask for another \$24,000 in the FY2003 budget to complete the microfilming project.



Stephens continued by explaining that he was the only commissioner present when the consent decree was handed down, and he said he believed the judge said the chairmanship should be elected annually. Therefore, he said he could not vote for the six month chairmanship simply because he felt it would go against the ruling of the judge.

Brooks said that is his purpose in that he is asking the judge to amend the court decree. However, Brooks' motion to accept his resolution did not even make it to the voting stage as the motion died after not receiving a second from another commissioner.

Mobley said he believed that would be the intention.

Commissioner Jim Thompson suggested not spending the money this year and instead rolling that money over to the FY2003 budget.

Commissioners then voted on the original motion to allow the probate judge to seek bids for two microfilm readers; however, the motion failed to pass. Commissioners Grimsley, Linda Westbrook and Bernest Brooks voted in favor with commissioners Kayo Lewis, Thompson, Dalrymple and Stephens voting against it.

In other business, the commission approved a motion to list dispose of various office items (currently not in use by the county) and a 1985 utility pickup truck by listing the items on the GovDeals Internet site.

* Approved a motion to allow for the repair of one lane of County Road 114 between New Hope and Hwy. 167.

County engineer Randy Tindell said the estimated cost will be approximately \$9,000.

* Adopted a resolution to approve a cost-of-living increase for retirees.

* Approved a motion to authorize the purchase of a 1997 model vehicle from the state surplus lot in the amount of \$5,600. The vehicle will be used by the county's maintenance department.

* Approved a motion to allow the implementation of the Wambles Family Cemetery to be located at the back of the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery.

* County EMS director John Tallas said a new outdoor warning siren has been erected at the New Hope Senior Citizen Center. He said this brings the county's total to 16 outdoor emergency sirens.

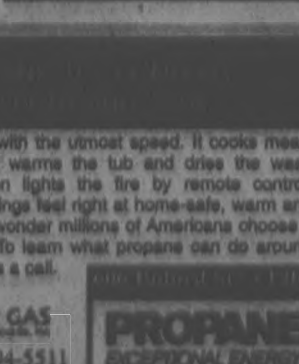
On a side note, commissioner Stephens announced that the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba will be 99-years-old on Thursday, Aug. 22. Stephens said he thought it would be fitting to hold a celebration next year for the building in honor of its 100 years.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Aug. 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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Zion Chapel.

Personnel matters continued to be an important matter for the board as a few vacancies within the system still remain. However, board members filled a some of those vacancies last Thursday with the approval of Ingram's personnel recommendations.

The personnel matters approved included:

* Certified
* Employ Genell Sweet as a teacher at Kineston School.
* Employ Jenelle Glass as a sixth grade teacher at Kineston School.
* Employ Vinella Starks as a business education teacher at New Brockton High School.
* Support
* Accept the resignation of Lynn Reeves, nurse at Kineston School.
* Employ Carolyn Archie as

school nurse at Kineston School.
* Accept the resignation of Marilyn Smith as bus driver at Kineston School.

* Employ Anita Peacock as a bus driver at Kineston School.
* Accept the resignation of Naomi Driggers as Child Nutrition Program lunchroom worker at New Brockton Schools.

* Employ Sheila Brown as a Child Nutrition Program lunchroom worker at New Brockton Schools.
Until all the vacancies within the school system can be filled, Ingram said substitute teachers are being used, but she hopes all the positions can be filled soon.

In other business, the board approved the Parent/Student Information Guide. Ingram said the only major changes in the guide included the policy changes

with graduation and promotion requirements that the board approved during a previous meeting.

* Approved a motion to apply for federal funds. Ingram said the system got well over one

million dollars in federal funds last year. She said it has especially become important to apply for these funds as state funding has declined over the years while federal funding has increased.

County BOE approves more personnel changes during Aug. 13 meeting

During a called meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Coffee County Board of Education approved the following personnel changes:

* Certified
* Accept the voluntary transfer of Lisa Colvin from her current assignment as fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to that of kindergarten teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
* Employ Radney Williams as a social studies teacher/coach at Zion Chapel High School.

* Employ Johnisha McRay as business education teacher at Kineston School.
* Support
* Employ Lindsay Kirk as nurse at New Brockton Elementary School.
* Employ Teresa Brewer as a part time WIA Remediation Certified Instructional Aide at New Brockton High School.

On a side note, superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said systemwide enrollment had increased to 1,965 students as of Monday, Aug. 12. This is up 558 students from last year's enrollment numbers.

Red Cross Heroes for the American Red Cross

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross announces its Heroes for the American Red Cross fund raising campaign beginning on July 19 and continuing until August 14, 2002. This money will fund disaster services and daily operations in Coffee County. Please support this effort by making a donation to the three Heroes here in Elba. Their goal is \$3000. Contact Herby McCall at City Hall 897-2261, Brian McLeod at National Security 897-2273 Ext.241, or Scott Kelley at Kelley Foods 897-5242 Ext. 102 to make a personal donation. Receipts available by request. Or, drop your contribu-



Herby McCall

I.D. Card Section at Ft. Rucker to update computer system

Military retirees whose I.D. cards would expire in September might find it more convenient to come in for a new card soon.

The I.D. Card Section at Fort Rucker's Soldier Service Center will be closed for several days beginning Aug. 26 (Monday) to convert to a new computer and card system.

Military retirees who need new cards can come in between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays now through Aug. 23 (Friday).

Active-duty soldiers and civilian employees will not be affected the same way - they'll be scheduled to receive

improved I.D. cards after the new system is in place.

NOTICE:

Dr. James Knudop, interim president at Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College, will provide the commencement address for graduates of MacArthur State Technical College on Thursday, August 22, at the Opp High School Auditorium. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Graduates have earned a total of 187 awards, including degrees, diplomas and certificates during the 2001-2002 academic year.



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James Stevens of Elba is checking his peanuts. Peanuts have received their share of drought and so far on August 1, the peanuts have received enough rains to produce what looks like a good crop. Farmers need to be prepared in areas where the peanuts have received rains the peanuts appear to be maturing a little faster than normal. Also a few growers are finding worms in their peanuts and peanuts utilize the residual fertilizer applied to the rye. Stevens has hopes for a good crop. However, the crop needs another four to five weeks of consistent rains to mature the crop for harvest.



English Photography will be running a special Beach Photo Promotion during Labor Day weekend. Schedule an appointment for yourself, your children, or your whole family for what is sure to be the most unique portrait experience of your life. Appointments are limited, so call today! (And be sure to tell your friends!)

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Unless something changes I may have to let my fingernails grow out! Now that school has started it seems like the girls and Mom all get ready at the same time and then head out the door brushing their hair. That is fine, and they get to school on time. However, that leaves Dad having to hunt a brush almost every morning, and some mornings it means I get stuck having to just use my fingers to push it back. We've bought enough brushes to fill the shelves at a dollar store and one day they may pop up, but until then I guess I'll just have to let my fingernails grow out and grow natural.

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

High school football practice has started and it appears that all the schools in the area are off to a fast start. The Elba Tigers had 42 players for opening day and looked like they had missed a day since the end of last season as they went through drills without any problems. The Tigers have 13 seniors that have been playing for the past three years, and combined with a stable of speedy backs it looks like Elba will be alive and well when the season kicks off. The Zion Chapel Rebels had 28 varsity players on the field for their opening day of work and even though the team was filled with young, inexperienced players, the Rebel coaches and players were excited about the numbers and were optimistic about the upcoming season. If the students at Zion Chapel will get excited about football and the parents will support the program, the Rebels could begin their march back toward the top in 1A football. The Brantley Bulldogs had around 40 players out for their first day in pads and it was easy to see the Bulldogs will be vastly improved this season as they try to regain their spot atop the small school ranks. The Bulldogs are solid in the backfield and have speed to burn, while up front the "Dogs are big and strong. This could be a big year up in numbers or size, but the Gamecocks do have a belief that they can win and maybe this will be the year they get back to Brantley football and post a winning record. The players at New Brockton are a hard-nosed bunch that are willing to work hard to win, and that should make a difference in the fourth quarter of a tight game. The Kinston Bulldogs are down in numbers and short on experience, but the Bulldogs proved they could win a year ago and are determined to keep winning. This bunch of "Dogs had to stand on the sidelines for much of last season and watch a senior laden squad get in most of the action. However, now it is their time to hit the field and the guess here is they will be ready.

The second annual "Foggy Bottom Classic" will be held next Friday night down at Miller Memorial Stadium and I urge all Tiger fans to come out and see the Tigers in action against Samson. There is still something special about returning to the old stadium, and I can't think of a better way to spend a Friday night than going down to the levee and watching the Elba Tigers play football. Make your plans now!

Two members of the sports staff of The Dothan Eagle were in town last week to work on a feature about the 1992 Elba Tigers. The '92 state championship team is to be featured in the Eagle's pre-season high school football edition, and included in the feature will be interviews with Coach Mack Wood and a couple of former players. This is the ten-year anniversary of the state championship team, and I am looking forward to getting my hands on the issue and putting it up with the other memories of the Tigers' rich football tradition. The issue will be on the news stands on August 29. So mark your calendars and grab a paper.

In closing, I read last week where four incoming freshman football players at Alabama took a summer class in either tennis or jogging. Three of the players took tennis so they could "work on our foot work," while all four paid for the classes and received academic credit for taking the courses. I guess by enrolling in class the students also got to use the weight room and other physical education equipment. So, it was well worth the money for everyone involved and could have even helped an athlete gain his eligibility for the upcoming season. It is true that college athletes are also students. However, even regular students need an easy course every now and then to keep their GPA high enough to stay in school, and physical education usually fills that bill.

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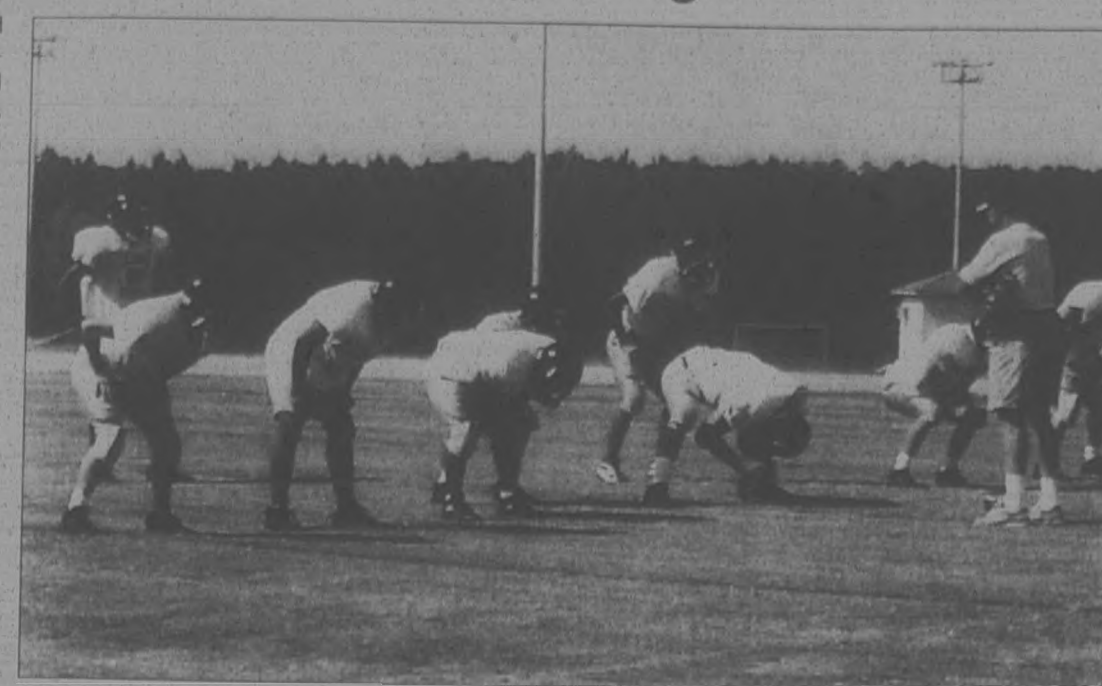
Summer conditioning was key
Coach Waters pleased with opening week of drills

The Elba Tigers hit the field last week for the opening of pre-season football practice, and while the number of players pulling on the pads was less than took part in spring drills, Coach Mike Waters stated the first week of practice was encouraging and the team reported ready to work.

"We are down to forty-two players after having fifty-three in the spring," said Coach Waters, "but the players we have worked hard in the summer and are willing to do what it takes to be the best they can be. Our summer conditioning program was a huge success this year and you could tell it on the practice field because we had faster and stronger than we have been in years. The players felt good about themselves and their teammates, and that helps make for a great work ethic and a good team attitude."

The Tigers practiced in shorts and helmets for the first three days of pre-season drills, then put on the pads the final two days of the week and got down to real work.

"The first three days were good in that we were able to evaluate all the players and check on the condition of the players," added Waters. "Almost every single player was in better condition than they were back in the spring, and that helped make the first days of practice enjoyable, at least in the coaches. We worked on conditioning and timing for the first three days, and did a lot of fundamental work. The players worked hard and did everything we asked at full speed. But they were ready to put on the pads and were ready for Thursday to get here. The first day out in pads we spent a lot of time on one-on-one drills and worked against dummies to get the feel



Fundamentals were the key word last week as the Elba Tigers opened pre-season football practice. Forty-two players were on hand for the opening week as the Tigers began working toward their season opener on August 30 against Brantley and the August 23 jamboree against Samson.

back of hitting someone with pads on. The younger players held the seniors and, sometimes they hit back, which was good for morale. Friday we scrimmaged a little and it was fun to see the players back in the full gear passing kicks. Our line is inexperienced and it showed at times on Friday, but we made mistakes going full speed, and that was what mattered. It is our job as coaches to teach, and we have players that are eager to learn and want to play football. That will make our job as coaches a lot easier."

When asked about the upcoming season, Coach Waters stated, "We have as tough a schedule as any team in the state and this year we won't be able to sneak up on anyone. I have told our team that every team on our schedule will have the

potential to beat us, and that they will come looking for us. The players enjoyed the success we had last season and helped out Elba back on the map. However, last season is in the past, and what we did on the field last season won't get us a single point this year. These players started working the day after the season ended last year and now that they are back on the field we all expect the players to work hard and be leaders."

"This week will mark the first full week of school at Elba High, and Coach Waters smiled when asked about the first full week of practice in pads.

"We aren't going to go out on the practice field and try to kill each other," said Waters, "but at the same time we have a game to get ready for on August 30

against Brantley, and we have a lot of work to do on both sides of the football in a short period of time. We will do a lot of work on special teams and the kicking game this week, and of course work on our base offense and defense. We will continue to work on the fundamentals every day and will do a lot of conditioning work, and try not to throw too much at the players in too short a time. I try to keep it pretty simple on both sides of the ball, and let the players react to situations. If you don't react when a player across from you tries to knock your head off then you don't need to be on the field anyway. We are off to a good start and hope that this week will be another solid week of work and that the Elba Tigers will keep working to be the very best team they can be."

SPORTS BRIEFS**Elba Tiger fans urged to meet the Tigers Aug. 16**

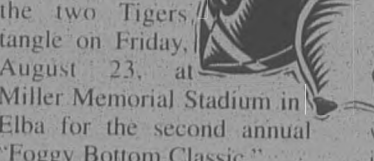
The Elba Athletic Club will sponsor a "Hamburgers Cookout" on Friday, August 16, at 7:00 PM, to show the club's appreciation for the support of the athletic program at Elba High School by the community. Everyone that participated in the club's recent membership drive is encouraged to attend, as well as active members, new members and prospective members. Coach Mike Waters, his coaching staff and the 2002 Elba Tigers will be introduced at the cookout, which will be held at the Commons Area at Elba High.

City Pool to open on weekends through August

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the City Pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, will remain open on weekends only through Labor Day, Sept. 2. The pool will be open to the public on Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM and on Sundays from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Admission is \$1 for children under the age of 12 and \$2 for all others. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Soccer signup underway in Elba

Boys and girls ages 6-12 are encouraged to register for the upcoming Youth Soccer season, to be sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. A player's age is determined by his/her age on August 1, 2002, and age divisions will include "8 and Under" and "12 and Under." The season is scheduled to begin in mid-September. For more information contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.



A look at the schedules of the Elba Tigers and Samson Tigers may indicate that both teams open their seasons on Friday, August 30. However, the two long-time rivals will give area fans a preview of the toughest home things to come a week earlier when the two Tigers meet at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba for the second annual "Foggy Bottom Classic."

Game time for the pre-season game will be 7:00 and will include three quarters of varsity action and one quarter of action between the junior high teams from both schools.

"Much of the great tradition that is Elba Tiger football lives down by the river at Miller Memorial Stadium," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and it is an honor to return to the stadium an honor to return to the stadium once a year and revive that tradition. Most of our players started their careers in football down

at Miller in the youth leagues, and three members of our coaching staff either played or coached at Miller years ago. It really gets our blood pumping to get on the field down there and you can feel the tradition and pride that helped make it one of the toughest home stadiums in the state for Friday, August 23, at Elba High School. We are looking forward to the game and to returning to Miller Stadium."

While the exact rules of the pre-season game have yet to be finalized, Coach Waters stated it is expected that the varsity squads will play three quarters and the junior teams will play the final quarter.

"We want all the players in both programs to get the chance to get to play down at Miller and get in a pre-season game," added Coach Waters. "I know that the game will give the teams on our schedule a chance to scout us, but I think the positives far out-

weigh any negatives associated with the game. The game will allow us to get all our players on the field in actual game situations and will also give us a chance to evaluate all the players with a week still left before the beginning of the regular season."

"I want to urge all Elba Tiger football fans to make plans to come to the game and see a preview of this year's team," said Waters. "The game is our biggest fund raiser of the year, and last season the pre-season game was the biggest gate of the season. This game will provide financial reward to the overall athletic program at Elba High, and hopefully also give a shot in the arm to the athletic program at Samson High. We would love to see the stadium packed on August 23 and let the players from both teams know that they have the support of their fans. I know we are all excited and can't wait for the game to begin!"



STATE CHAMPIONS... Frank's Lawn competed in the 2002 A.S.A. "Men's 40 and Over" State Softball Tournament on July 20, in Gadsden, and battled throughout the day to bring home the state championship trophy. Frank's defeated four-time defending state champ Brendle's in the finals to win the crown. Team members included (kneeling, l-r) Johnny Dunn, Dan Beard, Mike Williams, Phillip Parker, Gene Snell, Glen Filopowski (standing, l-r) Glen Johnson, Bobby Kinsaul, Mike Barbaree, Jerry Mack, Tim Davenport, John Armet and Frankie Fryer.

SPORTS

Elba Lady Tigers hard at work in preparation for upcoming high school volleyball season

While the Elba High School varsity and junior high football teams are hard at work in preparation for their upcoming seasons, another group of student athletes is also working hard as Coach Amelia Rhoades works her Lady Tigers toward what they hope will be a winning season on the volleyball court.

"We struggled for much of the season a year ago and it showed in our record," admitted Coach Rhoades, "and while we still

have a very young team, these youngsters have already proven they are willing to work and we are all optimistic that better days are ahead for volleyball in Elba. The girls worked in the summer to get in condition and many attended a camp back a few weeks ago to get a jump on pre-season drills. We have a lot of work to do, but the girls are all making progress in all areas of the game and should be fun to coach."

"We will field three teams again this season in an attempt to get all the girls in school excited about the sport of volleyball," said Rhoades, "and our goal will be to take the next step and be more sound in all aspects and win more matches. We have a very competitive schedule and are in a tough region, but the girls are willing to work hard to get better, and if they keep that attitude the wins will come."

Prep Football...

PRESEASON PREVIEW

Numbers and excitement are up at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels put to rest any and all rumors about the demise of the football program last week when a total of twenty-eight players hit the field for pre-season workouts under the watchful eye of Coach John Donaldson.

"It has been hot," said Coach Donaldson, an assistant for the Rebels last season, "but we had really good participation from the younger players in the summer and that has made it a little

easier on them in early practices. The players are working hard and have good attitudes, and that will help as the work gets a little harder in days to come."

"Last season was frustrating at times as far as the number of players was concerned," added Coach Donaldson. "It is hard on a coach when you don't know if you are going to have enough players to play a game on a Friday night, and we came

mightily close a couple of times. Having twenty-eight players dressed out for the pre-season is good in that it gives us a solid base and allows us to do some 11 on 11 work. We have a long way to go, but we are off to a good start and the players are willing to work."

The Rebels will open the season on August 30 at home against the New Brockton Gamecocks.

Gamecocks are always ready to put on the pads

The New Brockton Gamecocks were chomping at the bit to get on the practice field last week for the first official week of pre-season football drills, and Coach Shannon Clark reported that the only negative in the opening week was the fact his players couldn't go out in full pads until the fourth day of workouts.

"I wish there was some sort of waiver that would have let us go out in pads the first day," stated

Coach Clark, in a published interview last week. "The players made the workouts this summer and we know they are in shape. We can only do so much in shorts, and that was already done."

When asked about this year's Gamecocks, Coach Clark added, "We were only a play or two away from winning some more games last season just on pure guts. Our players aren't that fast and aren't that big, but

they are willing to go out there and lay it on the line and our lack of success on the scoreboard hasn't been due to a lack of effort. All the players worked hard this summer and hopefully we are a little more focused mentally and a little meaner."

The Gamecocks open the season on the road on August 30 when they travel across the county to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Kinston Bulldogs ready to rebuild with youngsters

The Kinston Bulldogs enjoyed a winning season and a trip to the state playoffs last season under Coach Gary Glass. However, the Bulldogs saw fifteen of their thirty-nine varsity players graduate, which has prompted Coach Glass to hang out a "Help Wanted" sign on the dressing room door.

"I kidded some of the players last week that we were taking applications for football players," said Coach Glass, "and while that was just a joke, after

losing 15 of 31 players it is pretty clear to see that we will have a lot of work to do in the preseason and will have a lot of holes to fill."

"Right now we have a lot of work to do before we will be ready to kick it off against an opponent," added Glass. "I don't like open dates and know the players have them, but this season we have an open date at the beginning of the season and it could actually come in handy. We have a lot of young players

that didn't see much action a year ago and this year those players will have to step in and start. They don't have much game experience, and we don't have much depth, but the players are willing to work hard and are looking forward to getting their chance to play. We have a lot of work to do in all areas. However, we have an extra week to get ready and maybe by then we will be able to play sound fundamental football and see what happens."

At South Alabama Speedway

Henderson and Hudson claim feature wins to grab mid-season crowns

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama Speedway had a couple of special features Saturday night with the Super Stock class running a 50-lap feature and the Roadrunner having their Midseason Championship race. Jody Henderson won the Super Stock feature while Jerry Hudson took top honors in the Roadrunner Midseason Championship.

In the Super Stock Feature, Tommy Adams took the lead from the outside pole and led for the first ten laps. Heath Mills, who started fourth, took the lead on the 11th lap. Henderson, meanwhile, had charged from the 11th starting spot into second by lap 14. While Henderson was headed to the front, David Ashley, Scotty Anderson, Bill Brown were engaged in a hot battle for third. The trio battled lap after lap, inside and outside, side by side, switching positions all race long. Henderson took the lead on lap 28 when Mills retired to the pits. As Henderson pulled away ahead of Adams, the battle for third raged on. Eventually, Anderson won the position over Ashley and Brown.

In the Roadrunner Midseason Championship, Perry Boyn took the lead to start the 40-lap event. Boyn led until Sam Smith took over on lap 21. Smith's lead lasted only five laps as Hudson took over on lap 26. Smith retired to the pits on lap 28, leaving second place to Boyn. Jason Singletary finished third, with J.R. Andrews fourth, and

Robert Colvin fifth. In the Modified Feature, Kevin Peel took the lead from Kenny Parker on lap 17 and went on to win his 12th feature of the year. Parker held on to finish second with Jamie Ater third. Ken Gibson was fourth and Doug Rogers fifth. In the Street Stock Feature, Jamie Bowers took the lead on the second lap and led the rest of the way to take an apparent win. However, an unapproved intake manifold was found on Bowers' car in post race inspection and the win was given to Tim Hudson. Chad Roberts was moved up to second, followed by Brian Martin, Scott Morse, and Doug Gandy.

In a special appearance by the Vintage cars, Andy Pugh took the lead from Phillip Anderson with five laps to go to take the win. Anderson, who had led from the start, held on to finish second. Andy Bevis, Steve Joiner, and Bob Jones rounded out the top five. B.J. Fountain took his third straight Mini-Sportsman Feature over Mike Cherry. Josh Cherry was third, followed by Mandy Younce, and Greg Adams.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamasppeedway.com

Results

Super Stock
1. Jody Henderson
2. Tommy Adams

3. Scotty Anderson
4. David Ashley
5. Bill Brown
6. Jerry Weathering
7. Ken Pettis
8. Todd Blackburn

Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Kenny Parker
3. Jamie Ater
4. Ken Gibson
5. Doug Rogers

Street Stock

1. Tim Hudson
2. Chad Roberts
3. Brian Martin
4. Scott Morse
5. Doug Gandy

Roadrunner

1. Jerry Hudson
2. Perry Boyn
3. Jason Singletary
4. J.R. Andrews
5. Robert Colvin
6. Todd Boswell
7. Kim Bishop
8. John Singletary
9. Craig Drake
10. Sma Smith

Vintage

1. Andy Pugh
2. Phillip Anderson
3. Andy Bevis
4. Steve Joiner
5. Bob Jones

Mini Sportsman

1. B.J. Fountain
2. Mike Cherry
3. Josh Cherry
4. Mandy Younce
5. Greg Adams

**ELBA LADY TIGERS
2002 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Time	Trams	Location
Aug. 29	Montgomery Catholic	4:30	V	Montgomery Academy
Sept. 3	Enterprise Junior	4:00	8th	Elba
	Enterprise Junior		9th	
	Dauphin Junior		8th	
	Dauphin Junior		9th	
Sept. 5	Andalusia	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Sept. 7	Mac Attack Tourney	9:00	V	Montgomery Academy
Sept. 10	Samson	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Sept. 12	New Brackton	4:00	Jr-JV-V	New Brackton
Sept. 19	Arton	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Sept. 23	Andalusia	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Andalusia
Sept. 24	Opp	4:00	JV-V	Opp
Sept. 26	Samson	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Samson
Sept. 30	Kinston	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Oct. 1	New Brackton	4:00	Jr-JV-V	Elba
Oct. 3	Arton	4:00	JV-V	Arton
Oct. 5	Linda Rogers Tourney	8:30	V	Ozark
Oct. 8	Dauphin Junior	4:00	8th	Dauphin
	Dauphin Junior		9th	
	Enterprise Junior		8th	
	Enterprise Junior		9th	
Oct. 17	Opp	4:00	JV-V	Elba
Oct. 21	Area Tourney	TBA	V	Elba
Oct. 27	Sub-State	TBA	V	TBA
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	State Tourney	TBA	V	Pelham

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Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Shooting clay targets good practice for dove season

With the mercury trying to boil out the tops of our thermometers, it's hard to think about dove hunting season being just a few weeks away. But the big discount stores and local sporting goods stores are stocking up on fall hunting supplies. Two "leader" items found in the stores during this pre-season period will be clay targets and promotional priced shotgun shells. Skeet shooting and the various spin off clay target shooting games were once relegated to the more financially secure sportsmen. Today, the average wage earner can easily afford to do a little pre-season practice before dove season opens. All you need is a hand or portable spring trap, a few boxes of shells, and open field and you are ready to shoot a little "cow pasture skeet!"

The doves bagged during the beginning of the season are local birds that were hatched the previous spring. These birds are somewhat smaller and their feathers are not as thick as the late season migratory doves. These heavily feathered birds fly down later in the season from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and other midwestern states.

When getting ready for an afternoon of shooting practice for the coming dove season, give a little thought to the chokes you may need for the different shooting situations you will encounter. For many years the average dove hunter had 3 choices when it came to chokes: improved cylinder for close range, modified for medium range, and full choke for distant range. The chokes were an integral part of the barrel and one had to change barrels if he wanted to change his choke.

The introduction of the screw-in choke has revolutionized shotgunning. Not only can one use the same barrel for ducks, dove, or deer, the screw in choke has increased the choices available. Cylinder bore, skeet, I, improved modified, and several more designations round out the choke choices available at the turn of a wrench.

Scattergun experts advise that hunters tend to select chokes with too much constriction or choke for their bird hunting needs. While I don't believe this is as much of a problem today as it was 30 years ago, some just still think they need that "right shooting" gun. Just talk to someone who constantly bags his limit of doves and there is a good chance you will find someone that shoots an improved cylinder or something similar.

Some dove hunting situations do require more choke. Walking up birds in a field presents more distant shots than conventional stand hunting for doves. Under situations like this, a modified or full choke may be called for. But for most of us who sit in the shade of a tree at fields edge and wait for the birds to fly over, try opening up that choke a little and you may find you need a bit more bacon to wrap the extra doves in for the grill.

**SPOTLIGHT ON...
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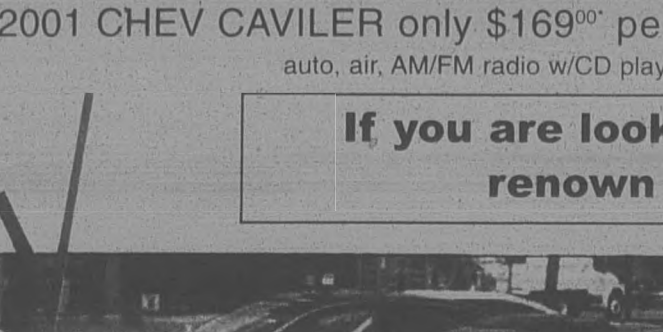


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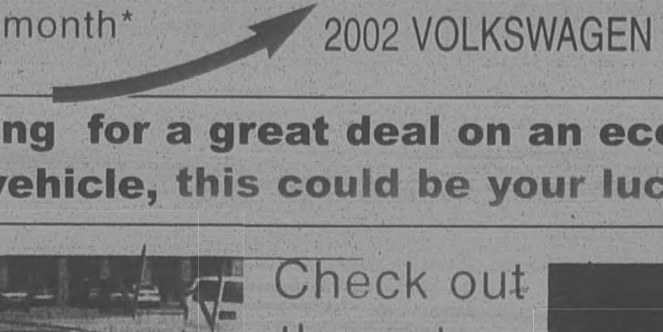


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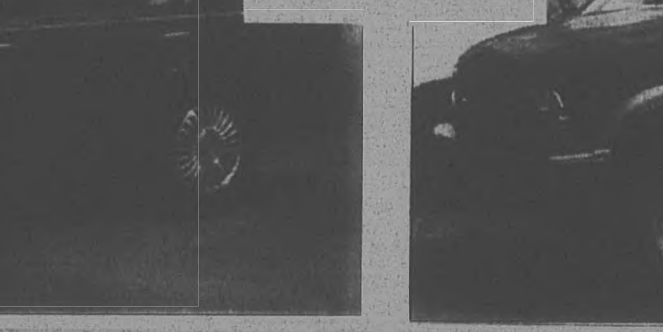
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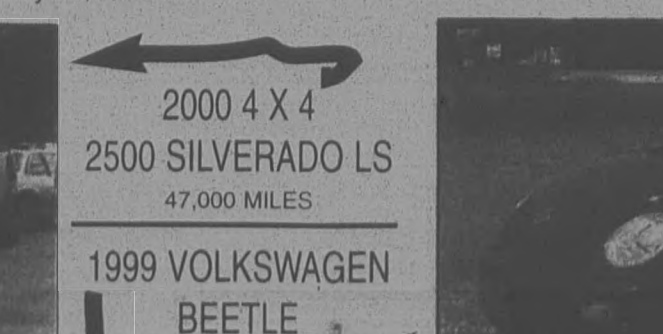
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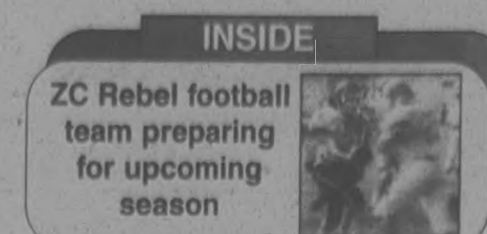
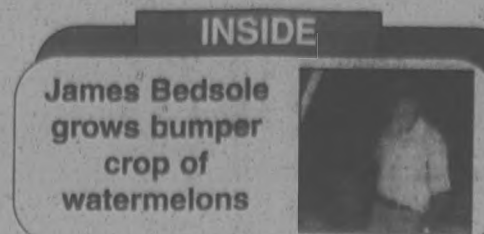
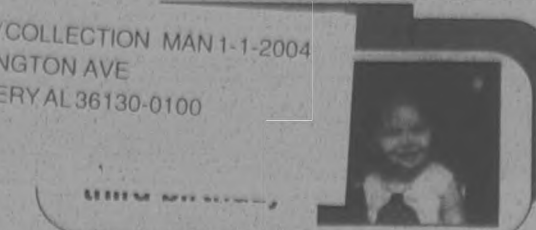
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Contracts awarded for Elba levee rehab project

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The wheels of government continue to turn, if not at the speed Elba citizens would like, they are turning in the right direction.

The Army Corp. of Engineers announced last Friday the official awarding of contracts on the long awaited \$12 million Elba levee rehab project. The successful bidder is LJC Construction Company of Dothan. Project Manager is Gene Oden, who now lives in Enterprise and was heavily involved with the Elba flood recovery efforts of 1998 while working with Hammer Construction Co.

Corp. of Engineers sources had said several weeks ago that they had received a number of good bids, and at least five of them had come in with prices well under construction cost estimates.

LJC Construction is a minority owned company, owned and managed by Lori Clark. She was featured several months ago in a Dothan Eagle article lauding her extensive, growing, and very successful work record on a large and varied number of government construction contracts.

Tuesday, Oden said he and the company were proud and pleased to be included in this major project. He explained that the company has done a lot of government work but this is different and very exciting.

In response to all Elba's ques-

tions of, "When are you going to start moving dirt," Oden said his answer was not going to be the one Elba people really wanted to hear because it could be as long as three months before any dirt is moved. He quickly listed a number of permits and other "red tape" items that must be completed before the work can legally begin.

A preconstruction meeting with the Corp. of Engineers is expected in the second week of September. A big hurdle that is already being addressed is preparing an application for an Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) permit on the company's plans for handling the waste water, and other runoff, from the project. Mr. Oden expects this to take three to four weeks at best.

He closed with an observation that typically these projects can take 90 days to get underway, and at best, it will take 60 days to get detailed permits and other paperwork ready and approved by the Corp. and other government regulatory agencies involved.

Much of the clearing work in the expanded levee right-of-way has already been done by City of Elba crews. They moved in as soon as deeds had been signed and cleared buildings, trees, etc. in an effort to speed the completion work and to cover as much of the local matching cost as possible with in-kind work.

FY2003 budget approved for Coffee County School System

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education centered its focus on the annual budget last Tuesday, Aug. 13, during a called meeting.

The board held public hearings concerning the annual budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 on Thursday, Aug. 8, and Tuesday, Aug. 13. At the conclusion of the second hearing on Tuesday, the board met in special session to approve the budget.

According to the adopted budget, school officials anticipate total annual revenues of \$12,463,810 and total expenditures of \$12,769,614.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram noted that expenditures are up approximately \$391,000. She said this is basically due to the three percent teacher pay raise already approved by state officials.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$2,015,102 with the end balance on Sept. 30

being \$2,047,815.

Of the total \$12,463,810 in revenues, \$8,086,015 is state funds, \$1,725,520 is federal funds, \$2,592,894 is local funds and \$59,381 is from other sources.

The \$12,769,614 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,308,760 going towards instructional services, \$1,667,450, for instructional support services, \$797,966 for operation and maintenance, \$1,716,021 for auxiliary services, \$624,994 for general administrative services, \$245,160 for capital outlay, \$291,013 for debt services and \$118,250 earmarked for other expenditures.

Ingram also delivered numbers regarding foundation program operation resources earned by school foundation funds. With this, she explained that foundation program operating

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...The Coffee County Courthouse in Elba is surely a true testament of time, and it reached a great milestone today (Thursday), Aug. 22, 2002. The building was dedicated Aug. 22, 1903 and remains intact today for its 99th birthday. Through the years, this courthouse building has endured three devastating floods (1929, 1990 and 1998) but proved that not even raging river waters could destroy the historical marker. Last week during the Coffee County Commission meeting, Commissioner Robert Stephens mentioned the milestone and said he feels a celebration should be held next year marking the 100th birthday of the building.

Foggy Bottom Classic brings back fond memories

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Football returns to Elba tomorrow evening (Friday, Aug. 23) when the Elba Tigers take on the Samson Tigers in a pre-season game known locally as the Second Annual Foggy Bottom Classic.

Now, this game may appear to be a simple pre-season scrimmage to allow the two teams an opportunity to see where they are in preparation for the upcoming season, but it is more than that to longtime Elba fans.

The game will be held at Miller Memorial Stadium which was home to the Elba Tigers until 1993 when the team played its first game at its new home, Tiger Stadium. Decades of memories were created at Miller Memorial Stadium through the years including two state championships, and longtime Elba supporters say they still feel a connection with the old stadium.

Many have often been heard saying that they love the new

football stadium, but there was just something special about 'ole Foggy Bottom.

"Sports are a big thing in the South," said Marsha Oggs. "They are a great equalizer. It doesn't matter who you are or where you come from."

She said she moved to Elba with her family in 1963 when she was in the ninth grade, and it was evident that Elba already had a long football tradition.

Oggs said she participated as a cheerleader while in high school at Elba, and years later her own daughter was a cheerleader. She added that she also spent some time as the cheerleader sponsor at Elba High.

"That stadium represents a part of our heritage," she said in regards to Foggy Bottom. "In the 'good ole days' everybody went to the football games on Friday night."

Oggs said she remembers when she moved to Elba there were three things everybody

knew about the town: flowing wells, Dorsey Trailers and Foggy Bottom.

Through the years, Foggy Bottom remained an important part of Elba, and Herby McCall said he spent a lot of time down on the field at the stadium.

"I was a manager (for Coach Mack) Woods from my eighth to twelfth grade years," McCall said. "It's a unique atmosphere down there, and I have a lot of fond memories."

Loretta Martin graduated from Elba High School in 1993, the same year the high school program made its move to the new field, and she said she too

"I remember as a young girl being so excited on Friday because I knew we were going to the football game that evening," she said. "And I love hearing 'Eye of the Tiger' being played in that stadium because of the way it echoes."

When she first began coming to Elba football games, Kerry Johnson said she was overwhelmed by the community involvement.

"I moved from Virginia, and football wasn't a big deal there," she said. "However, it didn't take me long to figure out just how important it was here. As a matter of fact, as soon as I saw the parking lot the first time I came to a game, I knew this was something big."

She said she remembers feeling a sense of pride, tradition and community involvement as she watched football being played at Foggy Bottom.

"There's just something about that place that has a hold on those who were there and the

imagination of those who are now in school and hearing stories from their parents, and grandparents," Oggs said. "All my memories are good memories."

She said last year's pre-season game was proof that the people of Elba remain connected to Foggy Bottom. After all, it was the first standing room only football game that Elba had experienced in quite some time.

"It brings back memories of when we were in high school," McCall said in regards to the game. "And I expect there will be another good crowd on hand Friday night."

Johnson's husband, Glenn played football for the Elba Tigers at Foggy Bottom, and she said he has already made it clear that he does not want to miss Friday's game. "Glenn told me the other day that he doesn't want to miss any Elba games this year but he definitely doesn't want to miss the Foggy Bottom Classic," she said.

Martin concurred and said she believes the yearly contest will be a good thing for Elba because it gives the former graduates and supporters of Elba High School an opportunity to reflect back upon their cherished memories of Foggy Bottom while giving their children and grandchildren and opportunity to see how things use to be.

"It's kind of like an unofficial homecoming," said McCall.

The Second Annual Foggy Bottom Classic will get underway Friday evening, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium (Foggy Bottom).

Those who were there and the

Area Happenings

ELBA BAND BOOSTERS Fall Kickoff Meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 22 (TONIGHT), at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School band room.

COFFEE COUNTY NAACP #5017 Executive Board will meet Saturday, Aug. 24, at 9:30 a.m. with the regular meeting to begin at 10:30 a.m. at Johns Chapel AME Church in Enterprise. For more information call 393-6747.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

ELBA TSL CLUB will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m., at the Elba Country Club. The club is open to all Elba TSL and friends, and all are invited to come and enjoy the food and fun.

COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE will hold a Grand Opening of the Republican Headquarters Saturday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at 101 N. Main Street, Enterprise. Those candidates to be present include Congressman Terry Everett, Judge Paul Blackwell (Court of Criminal Appeals), candidate for State Auditor Ross Chapman, candidate for State Board of Education, Betty Peters, as well as local candidates. Refreshments will be served.



\$8,500 CHECK from the Southeast Alabama Gas Company is presented to Elba Mayor James Grimes, left, by City Councilman H. H. Culver who serves as Elba's representative on the municipal owned gas company. The money represents Elba's 2001-2002 share of the Economic Development Program Fund.